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Colorado Trends

Unemployment declined for the third straight month in the State, dropping to a seasonally adjusted 5.5 percent in May from April's 5.8. Colorado's jobless rate has now fallen 1.1 percentage points since peaking at 6.6 in February. Last year at this time 5.6 percent of the labor force were without work.

The past few months have certainly seen improvement, but the State's labor market remains a mixture of strength and weakness. Scattered layoffs are still being experienced in some industries making sustained job growth hard to come by. In fact, the current drop in the unemployment rate is a result of fewer people seeking work rather than any expansion of employment opportunities.

The number of jobless Coloradans fell by 6,300 over the month, reaching 92,800. During May 1984, 95,600 had been unemployed.

After recording the first gain of 1985 last month, seasonally adjusted Colorado employment contracted by 1,200 in May, falling to 1,608,500. That is only 2,600 above the year-ago level. Slower job growth in the Denver Metro Area and a later than usual downturn in the State's ski industry contributed to the current dip in the employment series.

National labor market conditions remained static in May as both the seasonally adjusted number of unemployed (8.4 million) and the jobless rate for civilian workers (7.3 percent) were at the levels that have prevailed since February. Despite this lack of change in overall unemployment, the number of job losers decreased to 3.9 million, the lowest mark since prior to the recession. Offsetting this decline, however, was an increase in the number of entrants to the labor force. As in April, U.S. employment rose in line with usual seasonal patterns and, after adjustment, was little changed over the month at 107 million.

Three Colorado industries recorded actual job losses during the current period. The largest drop appeared in services, down 1,200. An advance of 1,500 in business services together with lesser gains in most other sectors failed to offset declines in amusements, hotels and personal services. Services employment can normally be expected to decline during the April-May period as the economy shifts gears between winter and summer activities. The present contraction, however, is only about one-third of that usually experienced setting the stage for an anticipated robust summer tourist season.

The number of job holders in both mining and finance, insurance and real estate edged downward by 100 in May. Weakness in coal production was re-

sponsible for the loss in mining as other sectors of the industry remained stable. The State's mining industry has been ailing since 1982 and relief is still not in sight. Amax Inc. recently announced that it will close its Climax and Henderson molybdenum mines for nine weeks this summer, affecting some 1,200 workers. Weak demand and excessive inventories are responsible for extending a planned three-week closure.

The small job loss in finance, insurance and real estate was about in line with seasonal expectations. This industry should gain strength in upcoming months as the lowest mortgage rates in five years begin to boost home sales.

The largest monthly job gain in Colorado was registered in the agriculture industry which experienced a seasonal increase of 7,300 workers. May is usually a high growth month for agriculture. The industry is still maintaining its long-term slide, however, with a loss of 500 jobs from its year-ago level.

A gain of 2,100 jobs in construction was slightly better than the expected spring expansion. Advances were recorded across all sectors of the industry , but the biggest jumps occurred among special trade contractors where 1,200 workers were added. The outlook for the construction industry remains good as positive factors are apparent in both the residential and commercial markets. Prospective construction projects are being announced at a brisk pace including recently a $17 million Holiday Inn in Aurora, a $50 million Biggs Place shopping mall in Thornton and a $60 million resort complex in Aspen.

Continued softness in areas of high tech held job growth in manufacturing to only 200 during the current period. Gains were registered in food and kindred products (up 800) and printing and publishing (up 400). But these were largely offset by the closing of the Mostek Corp. chip-making plant in Colorado Springs together with other scattered layoffs. Electronic products will remain weak for some time to come. In late June, Storage Technology Corp. in Louisville cut another 500 workers bringing total layoffs at the company to about 5,000.

Colorado's economic conditions are slowly looking more positive, but areas of weakness still remain. Some sluggishness should be expected into the summer months.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER-BOULDER LMA** dipped to 4.7 percent in May, down from the 4.8 percent rate recorded in April. The Metro Area's unemployment rate remained above last year's level of 4.6 percent, however. Unemployed workers numbered 47,800 in May, a drop of 1,600 over the month. Seasonally adjusted total employment edged up 100 to 977,500 during the month. Employment is only 4,300 above the 973,200 registered in May of last year.

Sluggish employment growth in the Denver Area over the past year is due to job losses concentrated primarily in four industries. Metal mining has lost 400 jobs in the past year, oil and gas extraction 500, general building contractors 1,600 and machinery (except electrical) 4,700.

Consumer prices remained subdued in May. The Denver Area All Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) rose only 0.3 percent in the two month period from March to May 1985 and is up a meager 2.8 percent over the past twelve months.

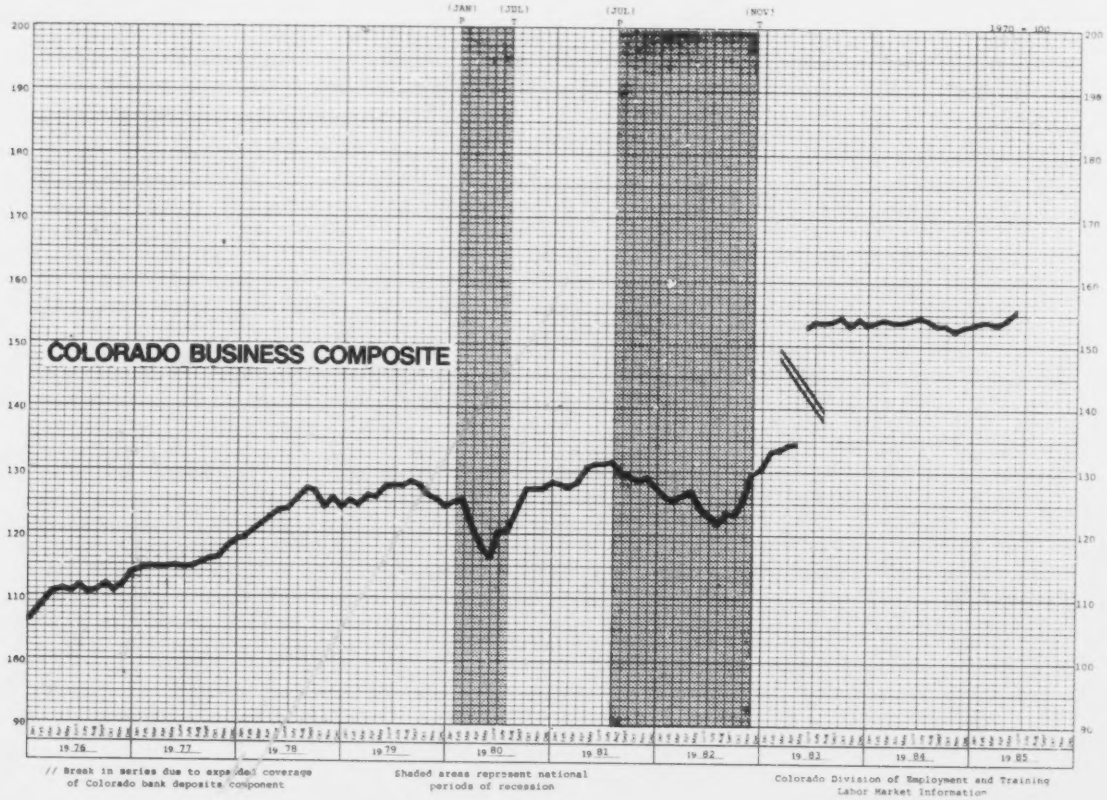
The Colorado Business Composite

The State's index of leading economic indicators scored its second healthy gain in a row in May, climbing 0.8 percent to 155.5. The Colorado Business Composite (CBC) has been on the rise since last October when it stood at 152.5 but had not been able to penetrate above 154.5, a range the index had been caught in for two years, until now. The month's action in the CBC indicates that the rebound in the State's economy from its sluggish performance of the past four quarters will begin to gather momentum in this year's second half.

The CBC's advance in May was led by solid gains in five of its six component indicators. The lone declining indicator was statewide average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance. An almost 10 percent rise in claims to 3,469 in May from 3,159 in April was responsible for the inverted indicator's negative influence on the CBC. Claims were higher in May after a very large decrease between March and April. April's claims fell nearly 19 percent from 3,894 in March.

Sizable gains over the month were recorded in the stock market index, bank deposits, private housing permits, the net business formation index and the percent change in sensitive materials prices.

The index of stock prices of 30 regional firms climbed close to 6 percent in May, lifting the index to 286.30 up from April's level of 270.65. The index is now 24 percent above its intermediate low of 231.37 established in May 1984 and only 3 percent below its record high of 294.88 set in June 1983.



COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE[1]

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1970 = 100

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976 . . .	107.4	109.2	110.9	111.0	110.9	111.6	110.6	110.9	112.0	110.6	111.8	113.8	110.9
1977 . . .	114.2	114.6	114.5	114.6	114.8	114.4	114.7	115.2	116.1	116.2	118.1	119.2	115.6
1978 . . .	119.4	120.4	121.6	122.9	123.8	123.9	125.6	127.2	126.6	124.0	125.6	124.0	123.8
1979 . . .	125.4	124.7	126.1	125.7	127.5	127.9	127.9	128.3	127.5	126.0	125.3	124.3	126.4
1980 . . .	125.2	125.6	120.8	117.9	116.4	120.1	120.3	123.9	127.2	127.1	127.2	128.1	123.3
1981 . . .	128.0	127.3	128.5	130.7	131.1	131.1	131.3	129.9	129.3	128.8	129.3	127.9	129.4
1982 . . .	126.3	125.5	126.7	127.2	124.5	123.3	122.0	123.9	123.4	125.7	129.5	130.8	125.7
1983 . . .	133.2	133.5	134.2	134.7	152.9[2/]	153.9	153.6	153.8	154.4	152.9	154.4	153.0	147.0
1984 . . .	153.7	154.1	153.9	153.9	154.2	154.5	154.0	153.1	153.1	152.5	153.1	153.4	153.6
1985 . . .	153.9	154.0	153.3	154.3	155.5								

Over the Month Percent Change

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1976 . . .	1.4	1.7	1.6	0.1	- 0.1	0.6	- 0.9	0.3	1.0	- 1.3	1.1	1.8	7.3
1977 . . .	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	0.1	0.2	- 0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.1	1.6	0.9	4.8
1978 . . .	0.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.1	1.4	1.3	- 0.5	- 2.1	1.3	- 1.3	4.0
1979 . . .	1.1	- 0.6	1.1	- 0.3	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	- 0.6	- 1.2	- 0.6	- 0.8	0.1
1980 . . .	0.7	0.3	- 3.8	- 2.4	- 1.3	3.2	0.2	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	0.1	0.7	3.3
1981 . . .	- 0.1	0.5	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.2	- 1.1	- 0.5	- 0.4	0.4	- 1.1	0.8
1982 . . .	- 1.3	- 0.6	1.0	0.4	- 2.1	- 1.0	- 1.1	1.6	- 0.4	1.9	3.0	1.0	2.4
1983 . . .	1.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.6	0.7	- 0.2	0.1	0.4	- 1.0	1.0	- 0.9	4.6
1984 . . .	0.5	0.3	- 0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	- 0.3	- 0.6	0.0	- 0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
1985 . . .	0.3	0.1	- 0.5	0.7	0.8								

1/ For a detailed explanation of the CBC, see the technical report by authors Larson and Wojahn in the July 1983 issue of the Colorado Labor Force Review, Vol. XX, No. 7.

2/ Break in series due to expanded coverage of Colorado bank deposits component.

Total bank deposits in the State after adjustment for price changes surpassed its previous high in May, increasing 2 percent to $12.032 billion from $11.813 billion in April. The level of May deposits at all Colorado financial institutions topped its former high of $11.872 billion set in March.

The strength of the Colorado stock market index and the level of Colorado bank deposits, both of which are at or near record highs, has important implications for the future direction of the Colorado economy. *With stock prices and bank deposits up, the consumer's enlarged wealth and purchasing power should set the tone for an expanding Colorado economy over the next year.* And with the four remaining indicators comprising the CBC themselves somewhat a function of consumer spending, improvement in these two indicators should translate into a much higher CBC during this period also.

Statewide private housing permits jumped 35 percent in May to 3,427 units from 2,534 units in April. Permits for new housing should move higher in coming months as sales pick up and interest rates edge lower.

The Colorado net business formation index was up by 2½ percent over the month, rising to 316.43 in May from 308.86 in April. Largely responsible for the gain was a more than 15 percent jump in the net business telephone lines' portion of the index. The net business incorporations' portion of the index fell by less than one percent.

The percent change of sensitive materials prices as measured by the U.S. Producer Price Index (PPI) increased to - 0.22 percent in May from - 0.64 percent in April.

DATA SERIES FOR LEADING INDICATORS COMPRISING THE COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE

1.COLORADO AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976 . .	3,286	2,901	2,912	2,877	2,840	2,940	2,923	2,986	3,218	3,391	3,978	3,058	3,109
1977 . .	3,185	3,416	3,453	3,354	3,131	3,258	3,274	3,240	3,124	2,957	3,022	2,763	3,161
1978 . .	2,849	2,923	2,830	2,626	2,576	2,481	2,382	2,522	2,564	2,590	2,540	3,124	2,667
1979 . .	2,746	2,633	2,618	3,364	2,372	2,433	2,544	2,504	2,468	2,513	2,689	3,333	2,685
1980 . .	2,930	2,825	3,087	3,738	3,800	3,817	3,764	3,572	3,612	3,532	3,580	3,588	3,487
1981 . .	3,308	3,377	3,535	2,889	3,432	3,275	3,185	3,300	3,126	3,225	3,401	3,277	3,278
1982 . .	3,903	3,589	3,600	3,258	3,884	4,500	4,770	4,999	5,701	5,766	5,270	4,446	4,474
1983 . .	4,484	4,628	4,860	4,691	4,303	4,625	3,657	4,064	4,016	4,227	3,665	4,216	4,286
1984 . .	4,165	3,320	3,661	3,022	3,052	2,682	2,657	3,013	3,067	3,413	3,772	3,687	3,293
1985 . .	3,709	3,842	3,894	3,159	3,469								

2.COLORADO STOCK MARKET INDEX* (30 Regional Firms): 1970 = 100 --Adjusted for stock splits and dividends--

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976 . .	116.84	120.53	126.49	123.16	120.88	123.16	120.53	119.82	124.04	121.23	123.33	130.70	122.56
1977 . .	128.25	125.44	124.74	127.37	125.96	128.42	128.77	126.32	126.49	120.18	125.09	127.72	126.23
1978 . .	121.05	122.81	128.07	138.42	142.46	141.23	154.39	166.84	162.28	135.26	141.40	144.39	141.55
1979 . .	154.69	146.53	155.73	161.28	157.12	165.80	169.24	178.91	175.72	156.41	172.93	177.86	164.31
1980 . .	189.46	185.59	160.98	166.43	178.91	188.72	204.15	210.45	218.91	224.38	224.78	235.06	200.65
1981 . .	222.13	224.88	247.66	253.47	255.74	253.15	246.04	131.02	215.51	231.18	234.89	222.13	236.48
1982 . .	218.26	207.70	195.44	200.40	196.22	182.11	170.38	190.66	198.41	219.28	245.73	239.76	205.36
1983 . .	244.67	252.05	255.74	267.62	278.69	294.88	285.04	276.02	278.07	266.81	275.53	270.64	270.48
1984 . .	259.36	250.43	241.49	241.70	231.37	238.74	234.53	260.21	251.49	246.17	243.48	246.30	245.44
1985 . .	265.22	268.48	265.65	270.65	286.30								

3.COLORADO BANK DEPOSITS, 1972 DOLLARS (In Millions)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976 . .	4,196	4,177	4,365	4,260	4,266	4,388	4,266	4,333	4,380	4,403	4,448	4,443	4,327
1977 . .	4,468	4,552	4,565	4,556	4,541	4,567	4,578	4,681	4,586	4,589	4,708	4,801	4,599
1978 . .	4,756	4,876	4,840	4,833	5,059	4,937	5,026	5,027	5,070	5,072	5,036	5,008	4,961
1979 . .	5,119	5,022	5,019	5,038	5,069	5,077	5,072	5,043	5,038	5,052	4,908	4,897	5,030
1980 . .	4,898	4,828	4,817	4,783	4,721	4,666	4,698	4,685	4,723	4,780	4,885	4,787	4,773
1981 . .	4,797	4,738	4,711	4,748	4,714	4,723	4,721	4,801	4,739	4,690	4,700	4,756	4,737
1982 . .	4,768	4,806	4,919	4,890	4,917	4,920	4,850	4,887	4,894	4,991	5,133	5,251	4,936
1983 . .	5,395	5,463	5,549	5,473	10,241[a]	10,487	10,501	10,439	10,341	10,523	10,453	10,468	8,778
1984 . .	10,741	10,898	11,441	10,885	11,129	11,017	11,072	10,952	10,881	11,390	11,427	11,445	11,107
1985 . .	11,715	11,812	11,872	11,813	12,032								

4.STATEWIDE PRIVATE HOUSING PERMITS (In Units)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1976 . .	1,549	1,850	1,733	1,884	1,840	2,085	1,897	1,937	2,163	1,823	2,593	2,545	23,898
1977 . .	2,907	2,976	2,642	2,514	3,232	3,046	3,282	2,786	2,972	3,130	3,249	3,445	36,181
1978 . .	3,779	3,438	4,075	3,905	3,184	3,352	3,203	3,751	3,274	3,022	4,217	3,412	42,611
1979 . .	3,070	3,420	3,473	3,305	3,609	3,359	3,208[b]	3,130	2,821	2,997	2,325	2,483	37,199
1980 . .	2,105	2,451	1,554	1,151	1,016	2,611	1,916	2,654	3,506	2,508	2,399	2,483	26,353
1981 . .	2,638	2,221	2,497	2,586	2,816	2,237	2,331	1,780	2,100	1,743	2,083	1,826	26,856
1982 . .	1,787	1,541	2,238	2,409	1,946	2,407	2,528	2,311	2,377	3,127	4,334	3,407	30,411
1983 . .	4,480	4,157	3,619	3,323	5,059	4,914	3,452	4,833	5,266	3,408	3,782	3,611	49,904
1984 . .	5,106	4,907	4,789	3,277	4,635	4,056	3,421	1,976	2,706	2,211	3,711	4,070	44,865
1985 . .	3,865	4,059	2,486	2,534	3,427								

5.COLORADO NET BUSINESS FORMATION INDEX 1/: 1970 = 100

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976 . .	136.24	138.66	139.44	146.48	149.00	145.90	147.64	147.78[c]	153.18	151.72	156.97	161.48	147.87
1977 . .	162.73	165.75	167.41	165.88	162.28	164.04	167.91	172.75	179.71	183.29	198.90	200.22	174.24
1978 . .	210.82	214.48	219.39	228.25	229.04	235.85	233.29	239.42	239.11	239.29	238.69	237.03	230.39
1979 . .	233.87	232.88	236.61	241.66	242.60	250.62	259.14	259.23	256.40	251.05	250.39	243.43	246.49
1980 . .	245.25	243.94	238.81	237.70	231.88	227.46	220.03	222.65	231.38	240.85	241.30	258.75	236.67
1981 . .	262.03	270.61	273.79	279.52	294.96	304.84	313.53	312.80	311.79	307.75	310.37	295.04	294.74
1982 . .	283.10	271.63	273.09	268.78	252.56	250.61	251.01	263.62	255.94	250.31	251.04	261.08	261.06
1983 . .	276.45	268.51	271.42	283.13	290.69	299.37	297.69	303.40	316.28	309.10	322.36	307.73	295.51
1984 . .	310.60	312.79	309.24	331.40	328.53	333.02	331.64	325.27	319.34	308.39	307.23	303.94	318.45
1985 . .	296.52	298.88	302.38	308.86	316.43								

6.CHANGE IN SENSITIVE MATERIALS PRICES (U.S. PPI Less Petroleum & Agricultural Products), SMOOTHED DATA 2/(Percent)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1976 . .	0.72	1.34	1.66	1.81	1.69	1.35	1.40	1.44	1.12	0.29	- 0.18	0.18	12.82
1977 . .	0.49	0.77	1.04	1.11	0.65	- 0.45	- 1.07	- 0.47	0.57	0.98	0.43	0.28	4.33
1978 . .	1.00	1.70	1.57	0.90	0.58	0.89	1.18	1.31	1.30	1.44	1.81	1.59	15.27
1979 . .	1.12	0.97	1.72	2.36	1.91	1.10	0.46	0.19	- 0.06	0.14	0.42	0.20	10.53
1980 . .	0.01	0.38	0.78	- 0.27	- 2.18	- 3.06	- 1.79	0.57	1.96	1.90	1.30	0.79	0.39
1981 . .	0.16	- 0.80	- 1.15	- 0.52	0.17	0.23	- 0.18	- 0.36	- 0.61	- 1.00	- 1.40	- 1.50	- 6.96
1982 . .	- 1.11	- 0.71	- 0.53	- 0.76	- 0.89	- 0.85	- 0.68	- 0.61	- 0.53	- 0.40	- 0.48	- 0.50	- 8.05
1983 . .	- 0.16	0.92	1.96	2.03	1.36	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.93	0.69	0.71	0.72	12.10
1984 . .	0.77	0.40	0.34	0.39	0.27	- 0.12	- 0.64	- 1.05	- 1.06	- 0.81	- 0.46	- 0.41	- 2.38
1985 . .	- 0.52	- 0.81	- 0.98	- 0.64	- 0.22								

NOTE: Data series are seasonally adjusted except for those series that appear to contain no seasonal movement. Unadjusted series are indicated by an *. Data is provided for a ten year period. Prior data to 1970 can be obtained by contacting Area Labor Information, Colorado Division of Employment and Training.

1/ Data on net business incorporations and net business telephones make up the net business formation index. Data is smoothed by a 6-month moving average. Weights were derived to equalize the differences in the average monthly percentage changes among the two series in order to minimize dominance by the more volatile series when combined. 2/ This series is a weighted 4-term moving average (with weights 1, 2, 2, 1) placed on the terminal month of the span. a/ Break in series. Coverage expanded from Federal Reserve member banks to all depository institutions. b/ Additional reporters. c/ Series on net business telephone lines expanded to include data for equipment owned by customers but serviced by US West.

Sources: Unemployment Insurance Section, Colorado Division of Employment & Training; Daily Stock Quotations; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Building Permits Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Office of the Secretary of State; US West; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Colorado Insured Unemployment

Insured unemployment recorded a seasonal drop of just over 20 percent during the second quarter 1985. Improved weather conditions and increased activity in certain industry sectors usually cause joblessness to decline during spring, but the current downturn is somewhat less than expected. Weakness in mining and portions of manufacturing contributed to making this the smallest second quarter drop in three years.

Mining (up nearly 27 percent) was the only industry to record an upturn in unemployment over the quarter. Increased joblessness was registered across every sector of the industry, but the most substantial deterioration came in coal mining where the number unemployed increased by over 76 percent.

Total insured joblessness is up almost six percent from last year's level. Annual declines, however, are being reported in all industries except manufacturing (up 58 percent) and mining (up over 16 percent). Those portions of manufacturing related to the production of computer components and mineral processing have suffered the most during the past year. Unemployment in the machinery sector of manufacturing has risen by 230 percent, while joblessness in petroleum refining has climbed by 143 percent since the second quarter 1984.

Looking at length of unemployment, those jobless for less than three weeks made up the largest portion in the current period (over 23 percent). However, only the long-term unemployed--those without work for over 14 weeks--recorded an increase over the quarter. Long-term joblessness climbed by 45 percent reflecting to some extent the difficulty workers are having finding jobs comparable to the ones they lost in those industries that have been weak for a period of time.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COLORADO INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1/]

	TOTAL			PERCENT DISTRIBUTION		
INDUSTRY	2nd Qtr.'85	1st Qtr.'85	2nd Qtr.'84	2nd Qtr.'85	1st Qtr.'85	2nd Qtr.'84
TOTAL	22,642	28,394	21,376	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining	1,379	1,088	1,185	6.1	3.8	5.5
Construction	4,620	8,540	5,067	20.4	30.1	23.7
Manufacturing	5,191	5,716	3,285	22.9	20.1	15.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	1,052	1,281	1,072	4.6	4.5	5.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	4,029	4,536	4,231	17.8	16.0	19.8
Finance	957	992	965	4.2	3.5	4.5
Services (& Farm)	4,424	4,831	4,514	19.5	17.0	21.1
Other	990	1,410	1,057	4.4	5.0	4.9
OCCUPATION						
TOTAL	22,642	28,394	21,376	100.0	100.0	100.0
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	3,582	4,042	3,341	15.8	14.2	15.6
Clerical	2,933	3,005	2,813	13.9	10.6	13.2
Sales	960	999	910	4.2	3.5	4.3
Services	1,859	1,816	2,030	8.2	6.4	9.5
Processing	1,294	1,612	971	5.7	5.7	4.5
Machine Trade	815	969	725	3.6	3.4	3.4
Benchwork	1,299	1,427	645	5.7	5.0	3.0
Structural Work	5,554	8,971	5,444	24.5	31.6	25.5
Misc. (Farm)	4,346	5,553	4,497	19.2	19.6	21.0
AGE						
TOTAL	22,642	28,394	21,376	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 22	685	886	770	3.0	3.1	3.6
22-24	1,766	2,344	1,768	7.8	8.3	8.3
25-34	9,154	11,603	8,598	40.4	40.9	40.2
35-44	5,756	7,093	5,389	25.4	25.0	25.2
45-54	3,157	3,886	2,897	13.9	13.7	13.6
55-64	1,912	2,353	1,789	8.4	8.3	8.4
65 & Over	155	185	126	0.7	0.7	0.6
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED						
TOTAL	22,642	28,394	21,376	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-2	5,291	6,057	5,259	23.4	21.3	24.6
3-4	3,733	6,399	3,222	16.5	22.5	15.1
5-8	4,464	7,933	4,212	19.7	27.9	19.7
9-14	4,740	4,970	4,352	20.9	17.5	20.4
15-19	2,785	1,804	2,601	12.3	6.4	12.2
20 & Over	1,632	1,243	1,726	7.2	4.4	8.1
SEX						
TOTAL	22,642	28,394	21,376	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	14,477	20,132	13,828	63.9	70.9	64.7
Female	8,166	8,277	7,545	36.1	29.2	35.3

1/ The characteristics of the insured unemployed are gathered during the survey week of the mid-month of each calendar quarter. These unemployed claimants filing for, or receiving, unemployment benefits represent only one segment of the total estimated number of unemployed.

Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
SECOND QUARTER 1985

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	20	195	267	684	152	668	253	1136	70	137	3582
CLERICAL	28	106	182	427	196	752	291	783	92	76	2933
SALES	5	10	30	123	74	454	64	160	10	30	960
SERVICES	13	8	69	124	67	609	110	753	47	59	1859
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	33	6	12	27	6	22	4	17	7	6	140
PROCESSING	31	59	89	897	20	109	3	64	7	15	1294
MACHINE	7	39	93	362	40	124	9	90	15	36	815
BENCHWORK	1	5	28	1009	6	124	3	103	2	18	1299
STRUCTURAL	42	293	3260	826	110	392	73	404	58	96	5554
MISCELLANEOUS	38	554	308	376	305	344	19	195	20	58	2217
NEC	16	104	282	336	76	431	128	485	63	68	1989
TOTAL	234	1379	4620	5191	1052	4029	957	4190	391	599	22642

STATE OF COLORADO
FEMALE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	4	61	63	214	58	270	134	594	31	60	1489
CLERICAL	25	80	151	326	149	602	257	664	80	61	2395
SALES	0	6	11	49	25	194	34	75	5	14	413
SERVICES	8	3	26	65	42	378	76	476	16	39	1129
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	11	0	2	5	1	4	1	2	1	0	27
PROCESSING	25	2	5	165	5	37	2	24	0	4	269
MACHINE	2	1	1	79	2	10	1	11	0	1	108
BENCHWORK	0	2	1	696	2	68	2	55	1	13	841
STRUCTURAL	5	6	127	105	17	51	7	52	8	12	390
MISCELLANEOUS	12	17	22	87	28	57	4	43	2	6	278
NEC	3	13	26	139	24	198	91	271	21	23	809
TOTAL	95	191	435	1930	353	1869	609	2268	165	233	8148

STATE OF COLORADO
WHITE RACE CLAIMANTS*

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	16	173	243	596	137	601	227	965	59	110	3127
CLERICAL	19	88	163	352	146	622	229	648	64	62	2393
SALES	4	7	26	108	60	388	57	135	8	24	817
SERVICES	7	8	55	80	57	459	78	478	31	38	1291
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	19	5	7	19	5	16	1	16	3	4	95
PROCESSING	6	55	43	480	12	73	3	42	3	10	727
MACHINE	4	30	76	276	34	91	7	66	10	22	616
BENCHWORK	0	3	21	710	3	83	3	69	2	12	906
STRUCTURAL	21	234	2465	519	88	303	57	311	42	69	4109
MISCELLANEOUS	20	424	246	269	235	253	16	136	17	45	1661
NEC	8	77	203	222	52	337	105	347	40	49	1440
TOTAL	124	1104	3548	3631	829	3226	783	3213	279	445	17182

STATE OF COLORADO
BLACK RACE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	0	0	3	23	5	17	7	42	4	8	109
CLERICAL	1	6	7	15	21	37	22	40	11	3	163
SALES	0	0	0	1	4	17	0	10	0	3	35
SERVICES	0	0	2	4	2	32	3	71	5	5	124
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
PROCESSING	0	0	5	30	0	6	0	2	0	0	43
MACHINE	0	0	2	13	0	8	0	5	0	4	32
BENCHWORK	0	0	1	41	0	7	0	13	0	3	65
STRUCTURAL	0	0	90	26	5	14	4	23	1	3	166
MISCELLANEOUS	1	2	4	14	26	16	1	20	0	5	89
NEC	1	3	6	22	4	14	3	26	2	5	86
TOTAL	3	11	120	189	67	169	40	252	25	39	915

STATE OF COLORADO
HISPANIC CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	1	9	3	7	4	5	7	20	0	3	59
CLERICAL	3	2	3	11	6	19	6	18	6	3	77
SALES	0	0	2	2	1	9	1	1	0	0	16
SERVICES	0	0	0	2	3	21	8	31	3	3	71
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	0	8
PROCESSING	2	3	12	106	1	8	0	7	3	1	143
MACHINE	0	2	1	15	0	4	1	4	1	1	29
BENCHWORK	0	0	1	31	1	6	0	4	0	0	43
STRUCTURAL	1	11	118	32	4	13	2	8	3	6	198
MISCELLANEOUS	1	6	10	13	6	12	0	8	0	1	57
NEC	1	5	8	14	3	18	1	21	6	2	79
TOTAL	9	38	158	234	30	118	26	123	24	20	780

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL OTHER RACE CLAIMANTS*

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	3	13	18	58	6	44	12	108	7	15	284
CLERICAL	4	10	9	48	23	73	33	77	11	8	296
SALES	1	3	2	12	9	39	6	14	2	2	90
SERVICES	6	0	12	38	5	97	21	173	8	13	373
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	14	1	5	7	0	2	3	0	0	2	34
PROCESSING	23	1	28	282	7	22	0	13	1	4	381
MACHINE	3	6	13	58	5	21	1	14	4	8	133
BENCHWORK	1	2	5	228	2	28	0	16	0	3	285
STRUCTURAL	20	48	587	250	13	62	10	62	12	18	1082
MISCELLANEOUS	16	122	47	80	37	63	2	30	3	7	407
NEC	6	19	65	77	17	62	19	91	15	12	383
TOTAL	97	225	791	1138	124	513	107	598	63	92	3748

* Hispanic claimants are not included in the white race counts.
All Other Races Category excludes white and black races and Hispanic claimants, but includes not classified claimants.

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STATE OF COLORADO
INTERSTATE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	7	36	31	52	12	36	10	126	14	17	341
CLERICAL	10	2	26	29	14	57	17	83	14	2	254
SALES	2	2	0	7	10	24	2	21	2	5	75
SERVICES	0	0	12	7	21	36	2	74	7	2	161
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	6
PROCESSING	0	7	5	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	35
MACHINE	0	5	5	43	5	2	0	12	0	5	77
BENCHWORK	0	0	2	31	0	2	0	7	0	0	42
STRUCTURAL	5	19	162	40	17	7	0	33	0	2	285
MISCELLANEOUS	2	21	36	21	17	2	0	29	0	5	133
NEC	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	28	92	279	256	96	166	31	389	39	38	1414

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

DURATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
1-2 WEEKS	46	345	1131	1134	240	875	224	1060	93	143	5291
3-4 WEEKS	37	229	764	748	151	685	202	751	66	100	3733
5-8 WEEKS	61	285	918	955	220	781	189	861	67	127	4464
9-14 WEEKS	59	337	905	1127	237	898	181	778	83	135	4740
15-19 WEEKS	24	138	605	765	139	465	87	435	59	68	2785
20-99 WEEKS	8	47	295	462	65	325	74	305	25	26	1632
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	235	1381	4618	5191	1052	4029	957	4190	393	599	22645

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

AGE	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
16-21 YEARS	8	27	83	168	16	204	18	126	9	26	685
22-24 YEARS	18	93	312	434	44	413	65	312	19	56	1766
25-34 YEARS	93	616	1850	2022	429	1678	372	1724	130	240	9154
35-44 YEARS	57	336	1231	1353	302	916	278	1019	125	139	5756
45-54 YEARS	37	188	643	753	171	496	138	589	56	86	3157
55-64 YEARS	19	111	460	421	85	284	77	364	45	46	1912
65-99 YEARS	0	8	23	31	2	26	8	46	6	5	155
NEC	2	1	16	9	2	13	1	11	2	0	57
TOTAL	234	1380	4618	5191	1051	4030	957	4191	392	598	22642

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	691	522	728	848	428	363	0	3580
CLERICAL	592	452	563	659	406	262	0	2934
SALES	211	151	187	226	128	58	0	961
SERVICES	517	371	379	296	173	124	0	1860
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	24	19	26	36	26	9	0	140
PROCESSING	315	185	200	352	197	45	0	1294
MACHINE	181	106	176	204	94	54	0	815
BENCHWORK	251	183	242	261	217	146	0	1300
STRUCTURAL	1305	944	1161	1137	683	325	0	5555
MISCELLANEOUS	542	364	447	449	263	152	0	2217
NEC	661	435	356	272	170	94	0	1988
TOTAL	5290	3732	4465	4740	2785	1632	0	22644

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AGE								
	16-21 YRS	22-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-44 YRS	45-54 YRS	55-64 YRS	65-99 YRS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	29	182	1423	1128	523	288	22	6	3581
CLERICAL	118	280	1147	697	392	268	25	6	2933
SALES	24	77	368	265	135	82	6	3	960
SERVICES	87	174	752	376	276	164	19	12	1860
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	5	14	64	32	13	12	0	0	140
PROCESSING	29	84	470	360	209	137	6	0	1295
MACHINE	20	64	330	199	117	77	7	0	814
BENCHWORK	72	168	533	276	159	80	8	4	1300
STRUCTURAL	153	411	2334	1384	712	511	31	18	5554
MISCELLANEOUS	70	157	877	574	364	161	9	5	2217
NEC	77	176	858	464	257	130	22	4	1988
TOTAL	684	1767	9156	5755	3157	1910	155	58	22642

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

SEX	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
MALE	3477	2343	2904	3068	1769	916	0	14477
FEMALE	1814	1390	1559	1671	1016	716	0	8166
TOTAL	5291	3733	4463	4739	2785	1632	0	22643

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DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	10	134	153	535	112	428	189	706	40	88	2395
CLERICAL	8	76	88	265	132	352	175	386	43	42	1567
SALES	3	3	19	78	46	258	43	95	6	13	564
SERVICES	1	2	21	62	51	173	27	226	14	21	598
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	8	2	4	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	30
PROCESSING	3	7	66	236	10	62	0	40	1	7	432
MACHINE	2	7	34	210	16	62	8	53	5	13	410
BENCHWORK	0	2	15	642	5	66	2	50	0	4	787
STRUCTURAL	8	34	1428	423	42	184	36	119	8	37	2299
MISCELLANEOUS	2	26	97	181	174	173	10	98	4	22	785
NEC	2	20	83	177	40	159	53	156	15	27	732
TOTAL	47	313	2008	2812	632	1900	544	1929	139	275	10599

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	432	340	489	565	309	259	0	2394
CLERICAL	315	247	294	334	231	147	0	1568
SALES	129	79	114	139	72	33	0	566
SERVICES	146	76	127	119	77	54	0	599
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	7	2	4	8	5	4	0	30
PROCESSING	124	73	64	82	56	33	0	432
MACHINE	105	59	78	99	39	31	0	411
BENCHWORK	152	92	112	148	172	113	0	789
STRUCTURAL	607	407	458	445	245	139	0	2301
MISCELLANEOUS	158	125	161	175	97	68	0	784
NEC	250	128	136	107	67	44	0	732
TOTAL	2425	1628	2037	2221	1370	925	0	10606

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AGE							
	16-21 YRS	22-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-44 YRS	45-54 YRS	55-64 YRS	65-99 YRS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	16	96	945	780	357	183	14	4	2395
CLERICAL	53	146	611	374	213	156	11	3	1567
SALES	12	28	211	179	75	52	3	3	563
SERVICES	22	38	226	118	118	65	9	3	599
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	0	1	18	4	4	3	0	0	30
PROCESSING	13	41	180	100	57	38	3	0	432
MACHINE	13	44	166	100	55	29	3	0	410
BENCHWORK	51	102	326	172	86	44	4	3	768
STRUCTURAL	50	159	938	567	314	254	12	7	2301
MISCELLANEOUS	27	50	309	206	130	58	3	1	781
NEC	27	65	309	173	101	48	7	2	732
TOTAL	284	770	4239	2773	1510	930	69	26	10601

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	2395	370	81	170	65	93	406	3580
CLERICAL	1567	363	162	108	99	197	436	2932
SALES	564	110	39	54	23	44	127	961
SERVICES	598	171	123	52	45	57	814	1860
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	30	8	9	6	12	2	73	140
PROCESSING	432	7	309	41	92	1	412	1294
MACHINE	411	108	40	46	82	37	122	814
BENCHWORK	788	285	10	76	79	8	54	1300
STRUCTURAL	2300	485	277	290	253	459	1491	5555
MISCELLANEOUS	784	116	78	68	100	234	840	2217
NEC	732	135	76	47	63	49	887	1989
TOTAL	10801	2156	1201	958	883	1181	5662	22642

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

AGE	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
16-21 YEARS	284	87	46	26	28	31	182	685
22-24 YEARS	769	185	79	90	94	98	454	1767
25-34 YEARS	4239	885	477	372	309	509	2364	9155
35-44 YEARS	2773	515	315	247	228	283	1396	5757
45-54 YEARS	1510	300	169	133	138	156	751	3157
55-64 YEARS	931	166	109	82	81	96	447	1912
65-99 YEARS	69	14	8	7	4	8	45	155
NEC	27	5	0	2	0	2	22	58
TOTAL	10602	2157	1203	959	883	1181	5661	22646

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

DURATION	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
1-2 WEEKS	2424	439	350	248	222	221	1388	5292
3-4 WEEKS	1625	384	167	144	112	150	1181	3733
5-8 WEEKS	2036	465	244	189	168	262	1100	4464
9-14 WEEKS	2220	508	238	248	213	266	1045	4738
15-19 WEEKS	1370	235	118	81	96	188	697	2785
20-99 WEEKS	925	127	86	48	72	94	280	1632
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10600	2158	1203	958	883	1181	5661	22644

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA[1/]

COLORADO

	MAY 1985	APR 1985	FEB 1985	MAY 1984	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,701.3	1,708.8	1,717.2	1,701.5	- 7.5	- 15.9	- 0.2
Unemployment	92.8	99.1	113.5	95.6	- 6.3	- 20.7	- 2.8
Unemployment (%)	5.5	5.8	6.6	5.6	---	---	---
Employment	1,608.5	1,609.7	1,603.7	1,605.9	- 1.2	4.8	2.6
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS [2/]	1,413.0	1,411.1	1,406.8	1,386.1	1.9	6.2	26.9
Mining	35.3	35.5	35.8	36.7	- 0.2	- 0.5	- 1.4
Contract Construction	92.0	91.5	90.8	92.0	0.5	1.2	0.0
Manufacturing	191.8	191.7	192.2	192.3	0.1	- 0.4	- 0.5
Durable Goods	121.6	122.5	123.5	124.5	- 0.9	- 1.9	- 2.9
Nondurable Goods	70.2	69.2	68.7	67.8	1.0	1.5	2.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	86.7	86.7	86.2	85.6	0.0	0.5	1.1
Trade	346.1	346.4	346.3	339.8	- 0.3	- 0.2	6.3
Wholesale	78.9	78.9	79.4	79.2	0.0	- 0.5	- 0.3
Retail	267.2	267.5	266.9	260.6	- 0.3	0.3	6.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.0	95.9	94.8	93.1	0.1	1.2	2.9
Services	313.9	311.9	310.4	305.6	2.0	3.5	8.3
Government	251.2	251.5	250.3	241.0	- 0.3	0.9	10.2
Federal	52.0	52.1	52.4	51.8	- 0.1	- 0.4	0.2
State	58.5	58.0	57.0	57.1	0.5	1.5	1.4
Local	140.7	141.4	140.9	132.1	- 0.7	- 0.2	8.6

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	MAY 1985	APR 1985	FEB 1985	MAY 1984	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,025.3	1,026.8	1,029.7	1,020.3	- 1.5	- 4.4	5.0
Unemployment	47.8	49.4	58.9	47.1	- 1.6	- 11.1	0.7
Unemployment (%)	4.7	4.8	5.7	4.6	---	---	---
Employment	977.5	977.4	970.8	973.2	0.1	6.7	4.3
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS [2/]	917.4	915.1	910.8	898.9	2.3	6.6	18.5
Mining	23.5	23.7	23.8	24.5	- 0.2	- 0.3	- 1.0
Contract Construction	57.8	57.9	56.5	57.4	- 0.1	1.3	0.4
Manufacturing	130.8	130.7	131.0	131.9	0.1	- 0.2	- 1.1
Durable Goods	79.1	79.5	80.1	81.4	- 0.4	- 1.0	- 2.3
Nondurable Goods	51.7	51.2	50.9	50.5	0.5	0.8	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	64.4	64.5	63.8	62.8	- 0.1	0.6	1.6
Trade	221.5	222.7	223.5	217.1	- 1.2	- 2.0	4.4
Wholesale	61.0	61.2	61.4	61.1	- 0.2	- 0.4	- 0.1
Retail	160.5	161.5	162.1	156.0	- 1.0	- 1.6	4.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	67.9	67.7	66.9	66.7	0.2	1.0	1.2
Services	211.1	208.1	206.4	203.7	3.0	4.7	7.4
Government	140.4	139.8	138.9	134.8	0.6	1.5	5.6
Federal	32.9	32.8	32.8	33.2	0.1	0.1	- 0.3
State	33.8	33.2	32.6	32.3	0.6	1.2	1.5
Local	73.7	73.8	73.5	69.3	- 0.1	0.2	4.4

1/ Recurrent yearly movements in Colorado labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program. 2/ Detail may not add to totals because industry data series have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

INDEX COMPONENTS	MAY 1955	% CH. 2 MONTHS AGO	% CH. 1 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	356.3	0.3	2.8
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	284.7	- 1.5	1.8
Food	292.1	- 1.8	1.7
Food at Home	286.7	- 2.8	1.3
Cereals and Bakery Products	304.0	- 0.5	4.2
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	247.2	- 5.5	- 1.2
Dairy Products	275.0	0.2	3.8
Fruits and Vegetables	304.2	- 4.0	2.9
Other Foods at Home	350.4	- 1.8	2.3
Food Away From Home	310.1	0.5	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages	247.6	2.6	2.6
HOUSING	432.8	0.0	3.0
Shelter	523.6	0.6	3.9
"Renters' Costs	111.8	0.4	4.2
Rent, Residential	262.5	0.3	3.9
Other Renters' Costs	412.6	1.8	6.2
"Homeowners' Costs	110.1	0.7	3.7
Fuel and Other Utilities	355.8	0.6	3.7
Fuels	510.2	0.6	3.7
"Fuel Oil, Coal, and Bottled Gas	149.4	0.7	- 5.0
Gas (piped) and Electricity	517.1	0.6	4.0
Household Furnishings and Operation	248.3	- 2.7	- 0.4
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	195.0	0.7	4.1
Men's & Boys' Apparel	223.1	0.3	1.9
Women's & Girls' Apparel	149.1	1.6	7.0
Footwear	180.4	1.0	0.5
TRANSPORTATION	321.3	2.2	2.5
Private Transportation	318.7	2.6	3.2
Public Transportation	367.7	- 3.1	- 7.2
MEDICAL CARE	381.6	0.6	5.4
Medical Care Services	412.8	0.6	5.0
ENTERTAINMENT	287.3	1.6	- 1.0
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	342.8	0.5	5.8

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri. "November 1982=100. ""June 1978=100.

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CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO	(thousands) MAY 2/ 1985	(thousands) APR 3/ 1985	(thousands) MAY 1984		(thousands) MAY 2/ 1985	(thousands) APR 3/ 1985	(thousands) MAY 1984	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
8,600	- 200	1,706.4	1,697.8	1,706.6	TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (by place of residence)	1,032.3	1,022.9	1,027.2	9,400	5,100
- 4,100	- 2,800	94.8	98.9	97.6	UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	48.4	49.0	47.7	- 600	700
---	---	5.6	5.8	5.7	Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8	4.6	---	---
12,700	2,600	1,611.6	1,598.9	1,609.0	EMPLOYMENT	983.9	973.9	979.5	10,000	4,400
5,400	3,100	1,574.1	1,568.7	1,571.0	Nonagricultural 5/	977.3	968.6	972.8	8,700	4,500
7,300	- 500	37.5	30.2	38.0	Agricultural	6.6	5.3	6.7	1,300	- 100
2,300	26,800	1,408.6	1,406.3	1,381.8	WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	918.4	912.4	899.9	6,000	18,500
- 100	- 1,400	34.9	35.0	36.3	MINING	23.5	23.5	24.5	0	- 1,000
0	- 1,000	5.4	5.4	6.4	Metallic Minerals	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 400
- 100	200	4.9	5.0	4.7	Bituminous Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 100
0	- 700	24.6	24.6	25.3	Oil & Gas Extraction	19.9	19.9	20.4	0	- 500
2,100	0	89.4	87.3	89.4	CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	56.5	55.7	56.1	800	400
100	- 2,600	22.3	22.2	24.9	General Building Contractors	12.9	13.1	14.5	- 200	- 1,600
800	- 800	11.9	11.1	12.7	Heavy Construction Contractors	7.4	6.9	7.2	500	200
1,200	3,300	55.2	54.0	51.9	Special Trade Contractors	36.1	35.6	34.4	500	1,700
200	- 500	190.3	190.1	190.8	MANUFACTURING	130.5	130.2	131.6	300	- 1,100
- 900	- 2,900	121.2	122.1	124.1	DURABLE	79.0	79.4	81.3	- 400	- 2,300
100	- 500	6.7	6.6	7.2	Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	4.0	4.1	4.4	- 100	- 400
- 100	- 100	9.6	9.7	9.7	Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Products	7.2	7.3	7.2	- 100	0
100	100	14.4	14.3	14.3	Primary & Fabricated Metals	8.8	8.7	8.5	100	300
- 400	- 4,800	24.5	24.9	29.3	Machinery, except Electrical	14.7	14.9	19.4	- 200	- 4,700
- 400	900	22.1	22.5	21.2	Electric & Electronic Equipment	11.7	11.6	10.7	100	1,000
0	1,700	16.5	16.5	14.8	Transportation Equipment	15.1	14.9	13.4	200	1,700
- 200	- 200	27.4	27.6	27.6	Other Durable Goods	17.5	17.8	17.6	- 300	- 100
1,100	2,400	69.1	68.0	66.7	NONDURABLE GOODS	51.6	50.8	50.4	800	1,200
800	1,400	25.6	24.8	24.2	Food & Kindred Products	17.0	16.2	15.9	800	1,100
100	- 300	6.6	6.5	6.9	- *Meat Products* -	3.1	2.9	3.0	200	100
100	0	2.0	1.9	2.0	- *Dairy Products* -	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
600	1,700	17.0	16.4	15.3	- *Other Food and Kindred Products* -	12.4	11.8	11.4	600	1,000
0	200	3.2	3.2	3.0	Textiles & Apparel	2.7	2.6	2.3	100	400
0	- 100	2.2	2.2	2.3	Paper & Allied Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 100
400	600	21.1	20.7	20.5	Printing & Publishing	13.9	13.8	14.2	100	- 300
0	200	8.5	8.5	8.3	Chemical & Allied Products	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	200
- 100	- 100	8.4	8.5	8.5	Other Nondurable Goods	7.7	7.7	7.8	0	- 100
100	1,100	86.3	86.2	85.2	TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	64.2	64.1	62.6	100	1,600
- 100	- 600	5.4	5.5	6.0	Railroad Transportation	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 300
100	1,000	18.6	18.5	17.6	Trucking & Warehousing	14.1	14.0	12.7	100	1,400
0	600	15.3	15.3	14.7	Air Transportation	14.6	14.6	13.9	0	700
- 100	0	7.1	7.2	7.1	Other Transportation	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 100	- 100
100	0	39.9	39.8	39.9	Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani, Svcs.	27.7	27.5	27.8	200	- 100
200	6,200	342.9	342.7	336.7	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	221.2	220.5	216.8	700	4,400
- 100	- 300	78.5	78.6	78.8	WHOLESALE TRADE	60.8	61.0	60.9	- 200	- 100
300	6,500	264.4	264.1	257.9	RETAIL TRADE	160.4	159.5	155.9	900	4,500
0	300	26.6	26.6	26.3	General Merchandise Stores	17.5	17.5	17.5	0	0
400	2,700	38.5	38.1	35.8	Food Stores	23.4	23.1	21.4	300	2,000
300	300	29.5	29.2	29.2	Automotive Dealers & Gasoline Svc.Sta.	17.6	17.5	17.3	100	300
- 200	- 100	12.7	12.9	12.8	Apparel & Accessory Stores	8.1	8.2	8.2	- 100	- 100
- 300	2,000	103.3	103.6	101.3	Eating & Drinking Places	61.9	61.4	60.2	500	1,700
0	1,100	53.7	53.7	52.6	Other Retail Trade	31.8	31.8	31.3	0	500
- 100	2,900	95.5	95.6	92.6	FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	67.9	67.5	66.7	400	1,200
0	0	22.3	22.3	22.3	Banking	14.5	14.5	14.6	0	- 100
- 100	600	16.4	16.5	15.8	Credit Agencies Other than Banks	12.9	13.0	12.5	- 100	400
- 200	600	22.2	22.4	21.6	Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	16.7	17.0	16.6	- 300	100
- 200	1,600	25.8	25.0	24.2	Real Estate & Combination Offices	16.1	15.7	15.5	400	600
300	100	8.7	8.4	8.6	Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	7.5	7.3	7.6	200	- 100
- 1,200	8,200	310.9	312.1	302.7	SERVICES	211.0	207.8	203.6	3,200	7,400
- 400	1,200	26.7	27.1	25.5	Lodging & Comb. Lodging & Eating Places	12.6	12.5	12.4	100	200
- 600	1,200	25.8	26.4	24.6	- *Hotels, Tourist Courts & Motels* -	12.4	12.3	12.2	100	200
- 600	800	16.6	17.2	15.8	Personal Services	11.2	11.5	10.6	- 300	600
1,500	2,500	67.5	66.0	65.0	Business Services	53.1	51.6	51.1	1,500	2,000
100	600	15.3	15.2	14.7	Auto & Misc. Repair Services	10.7	10.6	10.0	100	700
- 3,300	200	16.9	20.2	16.7	Amusements & Recreation	9.0	8.2	9.3	800	- 300
200	- 1,500	74.0	73.8	75.5	Health Services	48.6	48.4	47.5	200	1,100
300	300	11.2	10.9	10.9	Educational Services	9.0	8.8	8.4	200	600
300	0	21.2	20.9	21.2	Membership Organizations	13.6	13.6	13.4	0	200
700	4,000	61.5	60.8	57.5	Other Services	43.2	42.7	40.8	500	2,400
1,100	10,400	258.4	257.3	248.0	GOVERNMENT	143.6	143.1	137.9	500	5,700
300	200	52.1	51.8	51.9	FEDERAL	32.9	32.8	33.2	100	- 300
100	1,400	60.8	60.7	59.4	STATE	34.7	34.4	33.2	300	1,500
- 200	900	41.5	41.7	40.6	Education	22.5	22.3	21.9	200	600
700	8,900	145.5	144.8	136.6	LOCAL	76.1	75.8	71.5	300	4,600
200	4,900	80.2	80.0	75.3	Education	44.3	44.3	40.2	0	4,100
0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor Force adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Labor Market Area includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month. 5/ Includes residence adjusted nonag. wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers, and labor disputants. 6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding sum of individual items may not equal totals.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	MAY 1985 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	APRIL 1985 REVISED TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6054	5611	443	7.3	6019	5571	448	7.4
ARCHULETA	1605	1410	195	12.1	1644	1387	257	15.6
BACA	2430	2337	93	3.8	2294	2202	92	4.0
BENT	2452	2334	118	4.8	2342	2230	112	4.8
CHAFFEE	6047	5484	563	9.3	6002	5439	563	9.4
CHEYENNE	1131	1073	58	5.1	1042	1004	38	3.6
CO.SPGS.SMSA	169880	160050	9830	5.8	169008	159069	9939	5.9
-EL PASO	165364	155794	9570	5.8	164439	154839	9600	5.8
-TELLER	4516	4256	260	5.8	4569	4230	339	7.4
CONEJOS	2714	2383	331	12.2	2692	2286	406	15.1
COSTILLA	1044	864	180	17.2	1020	835	184	18.0
CROWLEY	1133	1066	67	5.9	1068	1016	52	4.9
CUSTER	1275	1168	107	8.4	1247	1143	104	8.3
DELTA	8931	7892	1039	11.6	8694	7674	1020	11.7
DEN-BLDR LMA	1032310	983942	48368	4.7	1022970	973941	49029	4.8
-ADAMS	157892	148779	9113	5.8	156921	147267	9654	6.2
-ARAPAHOE	195593	188579	7014	3.6	193884	186662	7222	3.7
-BOULDER	120946	113846	7100	5.9	119800	112689	7111	5.9
-CLEAR CREEK	4403	4161	242	5.5	4330	4119	211	4.9
-DENVER	301863	287461	14402	4.8	299115	284540	14575	4.9
-DOUGLAS	16864	16352	512	3.0	16697	16185	512	3.1
-GILPIN	1600	1501	99	6.2	1602	1485	117	7.3
-JEFFERSON	233149	223263	9886	4.2	230621	220994	9627	4.2
DOLORES	809	769	40	4.9	837	743	89	10.6
EAGLE	11796	10887	909	7.7	12534	11641	893	7.1
ELBERT	2751	2495	256	9.3	2592	2360	232	9.0
FT CO-LVD MSA	87435	83193	4242	4.9	87007	82640	4367	5.0
FREMONT	12226	11221	1005	8.2	12236	11166	1070	8.7
GARFIELD	14707	13594	1113	7.6	14781	13442	1339	9.1
GRAND	7080	6812	268	3.8	7925	7603	322	4.1
GREELEY MSA	67853	63909	3944	5.8	66350	62346	4004	6.0
GUNNISON	5962	5681	281	4.7	5953	5589	364	6.1
HINSDALE	207	207	0	.0	204	201	3	1.5
HUERFANO	2580	2284	296	11.5	2492	2243	249	10.0
JACKSON	790	738	52	6.6	765	713	52	6.8
KIOWA	819	806	13	1.6	754	742	12	1.6
KIT CARSON	3882	3800	82	2.1	3701	3601	100	2.7
LAKE	3234	2921	313	9.7	3166	2890	276	8.7
LA PLATA	16497	15330	1167	7.1	17033	15654	1379	8.1
LAS ANIMAS	5559	4830	729	13.1	5335	4776	559	10.5
LINCOLN	2525	2463	62	2.5	2464	2375	89	3.6
LOGAN	10206	9767	439	4.3	10005	9532	473	4.7
MESA	43153	38907	4246	9.8	43393	38601	4792	11.0
MINERAL	604	504	100	16.6	625	500	125	20.0
MOFFAT	6496	5852	644	9.9	6510	5757	753	11.6
MONTEZUMA	8565	7623	942	11.0	8717	7466	1251	14.4
MONTROSE	11088	9785	1303	11.8	11188	9577	1611	14.4
MORGAN	12725	11555	1170	9.2	12358	11179	1179	9.5
OTERO	9222	8611	611	6.6	8922	8409	513	5.7
OURAY	588	453	135	23.0	595	426	169	28.4
PARK	2041	1870	171	8.4	2012	1837	175	8.7
PHILLIPS	2032	1979	53	2.6	1923	1875	48	2.5
PITKIN	8570	7864	706	8.2	9528	8317	1211	12.7
PROWERS	7770	7376	394	5.1	7556	7180	376	5.0
PUEBLO MSA	46418	41831	4587	9.9	46427	41519	4908	10.6
RIO BLANCO	3289	3114	175	5.3	3226	3024	202	6.3
RIO GRANDE	5425	4966	459	8.5	5306	4828	478	9.0
ROUTT	12776	11801	975	7.6	14029	12755	1274	9.1
SAGUACHE	2047	1889	158	7.7	1969	1789	180	9.1
SAN JUAN	522	324	198	37.9	616	349	267	43.3
SAN MIGUEL	1974	1789	185	9.4	2001	1782	219	10.9
SEDGWICK	1481	1336	145	9.8	1425	1251	174	12.2
SUMMIT	18482	18003	479	2.6	20653	20042	621	3.0
WASHINGTON	2537	2366	171	6.7	2305	2193	112	4.9
YUMA	4647	4459	188	4.0	4369	4219	150	3.4
STATE TOTAL	1706376	1611578	94798	5.6	1697839	1598935	98904	5.8

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES[1/]

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY [2/] 1985	APR [3/] 1985	MAY 1984	MAY [2/] 1985	APR [3/] 1985	MAY 1984	MAY [2/] 1985	APR [3/] 1985	MAY 1984
CONSTRUCTION	$503.53	$521.77	$508.42	39.4	40.7	39.2	$12.78	$12.82	$12.97
MANUFACTURING	$388.96	$389.63	$377.89	40.9	41.1	41.3	$ 9.51	$ 9.48	$ 9.15
Durable Goods	$397.99	$397.17	$389.23	41.2	41.2	42.4	$ 9.66	$ 9.64	$ 9.18
Nondurable Goods	$375.55	$378.02	$361.67	40.6	41.0	39.7	$ 9.25	$ 9.22	$ 9.11

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	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY [2/] 1985	APR [3/] 1985	MAY 1984	MAY [2] 1985	APR [3/] 1985	MAY 1984	MAY [2/] 1985	APR [3/] 1985	MAY 1984
CONSTRUCTION	$521.59	$542.29	$520.70	39.1	40.5	38.4	$13.34	$13.39	$13.56
MANUFACTURING	$407.47	$409.45	$394.56	41.2	41.4	41.1	$ 9.89	$ 9.89	$ 9.60
Durable Goods	$410.27	$411.26	$397.42	41.4	41.5	42.1	$ 9.91	$ 9.91	$ 9.44
Nondurable Goods	$403.68	$407.22	$390.44	40.9	41.3	39.8	$ 9.87	$ 9.86	$ 9.81

1/ Averages, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jefferson counties.

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT

	COLORADO [1/]			DENVER AREA		
	MAY 1985	APR 1985	MAY 1984	MAY 1985	APR 1985	MAY 1984
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	15,268	15,909	12,307	7,625	6,918	5,561
Continued Claims	135,896	141,592	122,054	64,307 [2/]	63,839 [2/]	54,868 [2/]
Number of Benefit Payments	106,323	111,611	93,594	46,516	49,123	38,445
Amount of Benefits Paid	$15,121,171	$15,842,562	$12,905,872	$7,131,102	$7,459,096	$5,645,479
Benefit Funds Available	$51,510,734	$23,152,395	$19,202,296	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	15,246	10,969	13,641	6,676	5,458	6,121
Nonagricultural Placements	6,667	5,262	7,454	2,540	1,716	3,112
Agricultural Placements	417	327	572	212	203	210

1/ The Colorado statewide totals for number and amount of benefit payments include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

2/ Does not include count of claims made by Colorado unemployed whose benefits are a result of employment in another state.

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS *

April 1985 - In Thousands

	United States 1/	Colorado 1/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	114,325	1,697.8	1,473.0	471.5	414.9	641.8	730.9	2/
Unemployment	8,150	98.9	84.3	41.8	31.9	52.6	47.8	
Unemployment Rate	7.1	5.8	5.7	8.9	7.7	8.2	6.5	
Total Employment	106,175	1,598.9	1,388.7	429.7	383.0	589.2	683.1	

* Estimates are not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Revised.

2/ Data not available.